

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

In re:

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #132 REGARDING ORDER SHORTENING RULE
2002(a)(1) 21 DAY NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR FIRST MEETINGS OF
CREDITORS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 9006(c)(1) provides that "...when an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time by these rules or by a notice given thereunder or by order of court, the court for cause shown may in its discretion with or without motion or notice order the period reduced;" and

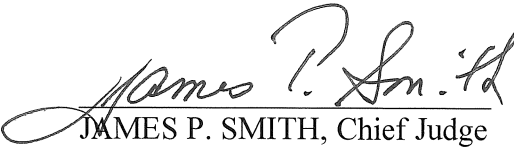
WHEREAS due to the COVID-19 pandemic this Court issued Administrative Order #124 resetting 11 U.S.C. § 341(a) meetings during the period March 17 through April 10, 2020 to later dates as determined by the Court and the United States Trustee Program; and

WHEREAS the efficient resetting of meeting dates may not allow for the full 21 day notice period as required by FRBP 2002(a)(1); and

WHEREAS FRBP 9006(c)(2) does not specifically enumerate FRBP 2002(a)(1) as one of the rules that may not allow for reduction;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that for cause shown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the noticing period for meetings of creditors originally scheduled for March 17 to April 10, 2020 reset to later dates may be reset to a date on less than 21 days notice.

SO ORDERED this 30th day of March, 2020.


JAMES P. SMITH, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court
Middle District of Georgia